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BLACK HERITAGE MONTH ACTIVITIES AT U. LOWELL

LOWELL, MASS. - "New Spirit, New Determination Through Unity" is the theme of Black Heritage Month at the University of Lowell during February. This is the first program in the 1979 Ethnic Symposia sponsored by the University of Lowell's Division of Continuing Education.

The first event of the month is a Proclamation Ceremony followed by the Beulah Pierce Memorial Concert, February 4, 4:30 - 7:30 PM, in Durgin Performing Arts Center located at Pawtucket and Wilder Streets, Lowell. Tickets are \$5.00, and for reservations call 686-0687 or 452-5000, extension 490.

Demonstrating "The Spirit, Determination, and Unity of Black People" will be a variety of artists including the Boston Jazz Society, the Youth Choir of Bethel A.M.E. Church, Dr. Rawn Spearman of the University of Lowell, and the Faith Unlimited Gospel Singers, as well as other outstanding performers.

On February 7 two art exhibitions open on campus: A reception from 4:00 - 8:00 PM in Gallery 410 is planned for the opening of an exhibit by members of the African American Master Artists In Residency Program of Northeastern University. Gallery 410 is in the south campus Student Union Building on Wilder Street, Lowell. Viewing hours are 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM weekdays through February 28, or an appointment is possible by calling the campus art department at 452-5000, ext. 455.

Also opening on February 7 is an exhibit by African American art students from the University. This work will be on display through February 28 during regular hours at O'Leary Library on Wilder Street, Lowell.

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On February 8 Professor Arnold Hurley presents a lecture, "Contemporary African American Images," at 11:00 AM in the visual media center of O'Leary Library. Hurley, a noted painter, draughtsman, and teacher is on the faculties of Emerson College and the Boston Museum School of Fine Arts. This event is free and open to the public, with an informal discussion to follow.

The Black Heritage Talent Show is scheduled for February 9, 8:00-10:00 PM, at Rogers School on Highland Avenue, Lowell. Tickets are \$2.00, and for reservations call 686-0687 or 452-5000, extension 490.

A daylong Black Heritage Conference is planned for February 10, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM at Weed Hall on the south campus of the University. This event is open to the public for a \$3.50 registration fee, which includes lunch. Registration information is available at 686-0687 or 452-5000, extension 490.

On February 15, 8:00 PM to midnight, a Fashion Show and Disco Dance are scheduled for Cumnock Hall, University Avenue, Lowell. Tickets for the dance and fashion show are \$3.00. For reservations call 686-0687 or 452-5000, extension 490.

The final event planned for Black Heritage Month is the Black Heritage Dinner Dance at Valle's Steak House on Route 93, West Andover, February 24, 6:30 PM - 1:00 AM. Tickets are \$9.50, and are available by calling 686-0687 or 452-5000, extension 490.

The Coordinator of the Black Heritage Committee is Gloria Johnson McCray, and the list of organizations involved in sponsoring and planning the events includes, Alternatives for Individual Development (A.I.D.), University of Lowell; the Black Student Union, University of Lowell; the Merrimack Valley Black Community; NAACP, Merrimack Valley Chapter; Black Genesis Foundation; Black faculty, staff, and administrators at the University of Lowell; and the University of Lowell Division of Continuing Education.

The Ethnic Symposia Series was begun in 1977 under the leadership of University of Lowell President, Dr. John B. Duff and the University

series inception. Other academic, cultural and educational offerings are planned in coming months.

For more information on Black Heritage Month activities call 686-0687, or contact the A.I.D. office, Dugan Hall, University of Lowell, at 452-5000, extension 490.

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